

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, /  
Plaintiff, /  
vs. /  
KENYATTA JARON BROWN, /  
Defendant. /

CASE NO.: 00-6240 CR- Dimitrouleas  
Magistrate Judge: Snow

DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO SUPPRESS AND/OR IN LIMINE TO EXCLUDE  
PHYSICAL AND TESTIMONIAL EVIDENCE AND REQUEST FOR EVIDENTIARY  
HEARING

COMES NOW, the Defendant, KENYATTA JARON BROWN, by and through his undersigned attorney, and hereby respectfully requests this Honorable Court, pursuant to Rules 12(b)(3) and 41(f), of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and Amendment IV of the United States Constitution, to suppress all physical and testimonial evidence resulting from a warrantless search of the defendant's parked motor vehicle, on July 16, 2000, and/or enter an order in limine preventing the United States Attorney or any of the United State's witnesses from discussing, mentioning, testifying to or bringing before the jury in any way, any and all alleged evidence concerning the taking or results alleged statements of the search of the defendant's motor vehicle on or about July 16, 2000, and as

grounds therefore would state as follows:

1) The defendant was stopped on foot, away from, and not within a distance to come into physical contact with his 1983 Olsmobile Omega motor vehicle on or about July 16, 2000.

2) That the defendant's said motor vehicle was searched after his arrest by officers of the Hallendale Police Department without a warrant.

3) The said motor vehicle, at the time of the search, was and had been parked "off the public streets" and was not in operation.

4) The search of the said motor vehicle amounted to a warrantless search and seizure in violation of the defendant's constitutional rights under the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution and the Florida Constitution.

5) The defendant is charged in the instant indictment with a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1), resulting from an arrest made by the Hallendale Beach Police Department.

6) The probable cause affidavit (attached hereto as Exhibit "I") attests that the following events lead to the discovery of the weapon which forms the basis of the instant indictment:

a) On July 16, 2000, an officer of the Hallendale Beach Police Department observed the defendant operating a motor vehicle with an expired tag and executed a traffic stop.

b) The defendant exited the vehicle and ran on foot.

c) A foot pursuit ensued. The defendant was caught and placed under arrest for resisting arrest without violence.

d) A search of the vehicle was allegedly performed incident to the arrest.

e) An SKS 7.62 mm rifle was found (unloaded) with a green towel wrapped around it on the floor in the rear behind the driver's seat. The magazine with unknown number of rounds was found in a duffle bag sitting on the rear seat.

7) No objective basis actually existed for the search of the subject vehicle as it actually was and had been stopped and physically not able to be operated prior to and at the time of the arrest of the defendant.

8) No probable cause existed to search and seize the motor vehicle or the contents thereof.

9) Because of the constitutional violations indicated above and under the "fruit of the poisonous tree" doctrine, all evidence, including the weapon, obtained by the illegal search of the motor vehicle should be suppressed.

10) This search was not based upon probable cause to believe the defendant possessed contraband. The search was not the end product of a valid *Belton* "bright line", *New York vs. Belton*, 453 U.S. 454, 101 S. Ct. 2860, 69 L. Ed. 2d 768 (1981), search incident to arrest. The search was not the result of a valid *Terry vs. Ohio*, 392 U.S. 1, 88 S. Ct. 1868, 20 L. Ed. 2d 889 (1968), frisk

for weapons.

11) Attached hereto is the affidavit of the defendant, Keyatta J. Brown, (attached hereto as Exhibit "II") stating that the motor vehicle which was searched by the Hallendale Police Department was and had been for some time prior to the search stationary and unable to be driven and, that the defendant was not in the said motor vehicle when approached by the police officer. The defendant was not "operating" a vehicle and/or violating the motor vehicle laws of the State of Florida at the time of or prior to his arrest.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant respectfully requests this Honorable Court to enter an order suppressing and/or in limine preventing the United States Attorney from making any reference to or bringing before the attention of the jury or making known to the jury in any way, the facts and circumstances stated herein.

#### **Memorandum of Law**

In *Terry vs. Ohio*, 392 U.S. 1, 88 S. Ct. 1868, 20 L. Ed. 2d 889 (1968), the Supreme Court established that it was consistent with the Fourth Amendment for police to stop an individual for brief questioning based upon a reasonable suspicion that a suspect is engaged in criminal activity. When law enforcement observed the defendant he was not operating a motor vehicle and could not have violated the motor vehicle laws of the State of Florida.

Probable cause to search exists "when circumstances known to

a police officer are such as to warrant a person of reasonable caution in the belief that a search would reveal incriminating evidence." *United States vs. Thornton*, 733 F. 2d 121, 127 (D.C. Cir. 1984). The officer in question would have to know that his search would reveal evidence of a crime. *United States vs. Juarez*, 573 F. 2d 267 (5th Cir. 1978). The officers in question here at no time had reason to believe the search of the vehicle, or even the person, of the defendant, would reveal incriminating evidence. Probable cause to search the motor vehicle of the defendant did not exist at the time of the warrantless search of the defendant's motor vehicle by the Hallendale Beach Police Department.

The Supreme Court, in an opinion by Justice Stewart, in *Belton* reasoned that in fashioning a "bright line" workable rule in a specific category of cases, that when a policeman has made a lawful custodial arrest of the occupant of an automobile, he may as a "contemporaneous incident of that arrest", search the passenger compartment of that automobile. The defendant was neither an occupant of an automobile at the time of his arrest or was the search conducted "contemporaneous" or "incident" to the arrest.

Because the warrantless search of the motor vehicle does not fit within any of the exceptions to the warrant requirement, any evidence seized pursuant to the search, whether physical or testimonial, must be suppressed.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was furnished by mail this 12 day of October, 2001, to: United State Attorney's Office, 500 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33394.

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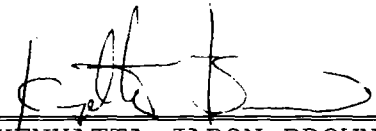
AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA :  
COUNTY OF BROWARD:

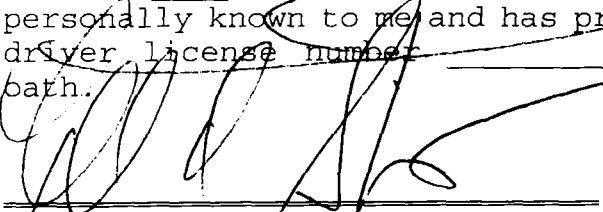
BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared KENYATTA JARON BROWN, who, having been first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:


1. That the undersigned has a personal knowledge of all matters set forth in this affidavit.
2. I was arrested on July 16, 2000, by Officer Matthew R. Cutcher of the Hallendale Beach Police Department.
3. Prior to the time Officer Cutcher approached me I was sitting on a motor vehicle, on the outside thereof, which motor vehicle was not operating.
4. The 1983 motor vehicle searched by the Hallendale Beach Police Department after they arrested me was not occupied by me prior to or at the time of my arrest.
5. The 1983 motor vehicle searched by the Hallendale Beach Police Department after they arrested me on July 16, 2000, was not in operating condition at that time and had been stationary for a long period of time prior to the search.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
KENYATTA JARON BROWN

The foregoing instrument (affidavit) was acknowledged before me this 12 day of October, 2001, by KENYATTA JARON BROWN, who is personally known to me and has produced as identification Florida's driver license number \_\_\_\_\_ and who did take an oath.

  
ROBERT C. STONE  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA  
My Commission Expires:

 **ROBERT C. STONE**  
COMMISSION # CC 698034  
EXPIRES NOV 20, 2001  
BONDED THRU  
ATLANTIC BONDING CO., INC

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EXHIBIT "II"

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## COMPLAINT AFFIDAVIT

SHADED FIELDS MUST BE ANSWERED IF DEFENDANT NOT IN CUSTODY

X ARREST FOR:

BROWARD COUNTY

ARREST # H000-765OBTS # 009724032

Filing Agency <u>HALLANDALE BLM</u>		Offense Report <u>00-24921</u>		Local ID #		FDLE		FBI		SSN <u>264-89-5312</u>	
Defendant's Last Name <u>Brown</u>				First <u>KENYATA</u> Middle <u>J</u> Suffix <u>SUF</u>		Alias/Street Name <u>N/A</u>				Citizenship <u>US</u>	
Age <u>20</u>	Sex <u>M</u>	Hgt <u>5'9"</u>	Eyes <u>Brown</u>	Hair <u>Black</u>	Wgt <u>150</u>	Comp <u>DK</u>	Age <u>20</u>	DOB <u>4/24/79</u>	Birthplace <u>FL</u>	Scars, marks, TT <u>N/A</u>	
Permanent Address <u>832 NW 10 ST #4</u> <u>Hallandale Bch, FL 33009</u>								Local Address: <u>SAME AS PERMANENT</u>			
Residence Type: <u>1</u> (1) City (2) County (3) Florida (4) Out of State								Place of Employment <u>None</u> Length <u>None</u>			
How long defendant in Broward County: <u>20 Years</u>				Breathalyzer by/CCN <u>None</u>		Reading <u>None</u>		Place of arrest <u>1000 Foster Rd</u>		Date/time arrested <u>7/16/00</u>	
Officer injured <u>Y</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>N</u> <input type="checkbox"/>		Unit <u>6076</u>	Zone <u>1</u>	Beat <u>1</u>	Shift <u>A</u>	Trans. Unit <u>656</u>	PMD <u>Y</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>N</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	Transporting officer/CCN <u>Williams 6012</u>		Pick-up time: <u>None</u>	Drug Type: <u>C/M</u>
Type: <u>P</u>		B-Barbiturate	H-Hallucinogen	P-Paraphernalia/Equipment	U-Unknown	Activity: <u>P</u>	Activity: <u>N/A</u>	B-Buy	E-Use	K-Dispense/Distribute	Indication of: <u>Y</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>N</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>UK</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
A-Amphetamine E-Heroin		C-Cocaine	M-Marijuana	S-Synthetic	Z-Other	P-Possess	P-Possess	A-Smuggle	M-Manufacture/Produce/Cultivate	Z-Other	Alcohol Influence: <u>Y</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>N</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>UK</u> <input type="checkbox"/>

Defendant's Vehicle Make: DOODGE Type: 4000 Year: 1993 Color: Black VIN # 1G3AB69X1DW3Attach  
Defendant's  
PhotoVehicle towed to: N/A Tag # DO46W Other identifiers or remarks:

Name of victim(s) (if corporation, exact legal name and state of incorporation):			
<u>FLORIDA STATE OF</u>			
Count #	Offenses Charged	Citation # if Applicable	FS or Capias/Warrant #
<u>1</u>	<u>CARRY CONCEALED WEAPON</u>		<u>790.01</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>POSSESSION OF COCAINE</u>		<u>893.13</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA</u>		<u>893.13</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>RESISTING WITHOUT VIOLENCE</u>		<u>843.02</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>OPERATING A VEHICLE WITH SUSPENDED DL</u>	<u>65246 AFP</u>	<u>322.34 (2)</u>

## Probable Cause Affidavit

Before me this date personally appeared MATTHEW R. CUTCHER who being first duly sworn deposes and says that on 16 day of JULY, (year) 2000 at 1000 BLK OF FOSTER RD. HALLANDALE BLM FL (crime location) the above named defendant committed the above offenses charged and the facts showing probable cause to believe the same are as follows:

I OBSERVED THE ABOVE LISTED DEFENDANT OPERATING THE ABOVE LISTED VEHICLE (TAG # DO46W). THE ABOVE LISTED VEHICLE HAD AN EXPIRED TAG OF 4-24-00. I EXECUTED A TRAFFIC STOP AT THE 1000 BLK. OF NW 9 AVE. AT THAT TIME THE DEFENDANT EXITED THE VEHICLE AND RAN ON FOOT. A FOOT PURSUIT ENSUED FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 MINUTES. I CAUGHT THE DEFENDANT AT THE 1000 BLK OF FOSTER RD. AND PLACED HIM UNDER ARREST.

I swear the above statement is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

OFFICER/AFFIANT'S SIGNATURE MATTHEW CUTCHER 6077OFFICER'S NAME/CCN PATROL

OFFICER'S DIVISION

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BROWARD  
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 16 day of JULY, (year) 2000 who is personally known to me or who has produced (ID type) None as identification and who Did (did or did not) take an oath.

(SEAL OR STAMP IF APPLICABLE)

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC, OR ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY Adj. M. Martinez 67/5271TITLE OR RANK/CCN 67/5271

SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
BROWARD COUNTY  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
850 DB-2 (Revised 6/97)

FIRST APPEARANCE/ARREST FORM

(SHOULD ADDITIONAL SPACE BE NEEDED, USE THE PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT CONTINUATION.)

Distribution  
Orig - Court  
2nd - State Attorney  
3rd - Filing Agency  
4th - Arresting Agency

00003 Exhibit "I"



BROWARD COUNTY

ARREST NO. H000-765☐ COMPLAINT AFFIDAVIT

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT CONTINUATION

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DEFENDANT'S LAST NAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	SUF.	HGT.	WGT.	RC	SEX	D.O.B.	OFFENSE REPORT	ARRESTING OFFICER (S) /CCN
BROWN	KENYATA	J		5'9"	150	13	M	4-24-71	00-24421	CUTCHER 0097
NAME OF VICTIM (IF CORPORATION, EXACT LEGAL NAME AND STATE OF INCORP.)									ADDRESS	
FLORIDA STATE OF										
COUNT NO.									OFFENSES CHARGED	
6									EXPIRED TAG UNDER 6 MONTHS	
									CITATION #, IF APPLICABLE	
									9246 HFP	
									F.S. # OR CAPIAS/WARRANT #	
									320.07(3)(4)	

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deposes and says that on 16 day July, 2000 at 1000 BLK. OF FOSTER RD. HALLANDALE, FL (crime location) the  
above named defendant committed the above offenses charged and the facts showing probable cause to believe same are as follows:

FOR REENTRY WITHOUT VIOLENCE. KY OFFICER CHOICH RESPONDED TO  
MY LOCATION TO AID IN THE SEARCH OF THE ABOVE LISTED VEHICLE.  
SEARCH INCIDENT TO ARREST, TWO PIECES OF SUSPECT CRACK COCAINE WAS  
FOUND BETWEEN THE DRIVER SIDE VISOR AND ROOF. THE COCAINE WAS  
FIELD TESTED POSITIVE USING COBALT THIOCYANATE. THREE SMALL BAGS (APPROX.  
10 GRAMS) OF MARIJUANA WAS FOUND UNDER THE DRIVER SIDE SEAT.  
THE SUSPECT MARIJUANA WAS FIELD TESTED POSITIVE USING DUQUENOIS  
REAGENT. AN SKS 7.62 MM ASSAULT RIFLE WAS FOUND (UNLOADED)  
WITH A GREEN TOWEL WRAPPED AROUND IT. THE RIFLE WAS ON THE FLOOR  
IN THE REAR (BEHIND THE DRIVER SEAT). THE MAGAZINE WITH UNKNOWN  
NUMBER OF ROUNDS INSIDE (FOR THE SKS ASSAULT RIFLE), WAS FOUND IN  
A DUFFLE BAG SITTING ON THE REAR SEAT. SEE ATTACHED COPIES OF  
CRIMINAL HISTORY PER CLERK JUDGE DARRIN ROSS. ALSO TELETYPE REVEALED  
THAT THE OFFENDANT HAS A SUSPENDED DRIVERS LICENSE.

I swear the above statement is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[Signature] MATTHEW R. CUTCHER 0097 PATROL  
OFFICER/AFFIANT'S SIGNATURE OFFICER'S NAME/CCN OFFICER'S DIVISION

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BROWARD

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[Signature] 67/5271  
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